Clinical trials of Ayurvedic Drugs

1931. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any clinical trials are conducted before a new Ayurvedic Drug is introduced in the market;

(b) if so, what are the procedure thereof; and

(c) if the reply to (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to introduce such a methodology to inspire confidence amongst users ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. Clinical trials are not considered necessary and are not provided in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act because the safety and efficacy of ayurvedic medicines are time tested and documented in authentic ayurvedic books which are specified in the 1st Schedule of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. Accordingly, the clinical trials of ayurvedic drugs are not a statutory requirement under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

However, although there are no "new" drugs in Ayurvedic as are available in modern systems of medicine, there are some patent and proprietory drugs which are prepared from various combinations of drugs mentioned in authentic ayurvedic books. There is a proposal to subject these drugs for clinicals trials and suitable instructions have been issued to the State Drug Licensing authorities in November, 1990.

Ayurvedic Products

SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Ayurvedic products in the Indian Market and their manufacturers, State-wise; and

(b) the turnover of Ayurvedic drug industry during the last three year, yearwise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

List of Ayurvedic products

1933. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have compiled a list of Ayurvedic products containing more than 12 per cent alcohol, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) what was the turnover of Ayurvedic products which contain more than 12 per cent alcohol, company-wise and year-wise, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Ayurveda and Ayurvedic medicines

1934. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the graduates from allopathic Medical Colleges are practising Ayurveda and are freely prescribing ayurvedic medicines for which they are not trained;

(b) if so, what corrective steps Government have taken or propose to take in the matter;

(c) whether there have been any case of cancellation of degrees for this unauthorised work; and

(d) if so, what are the details, thereof, State-wise during the last 5 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (d) Under the provisions of the